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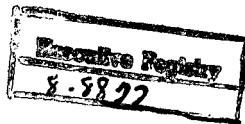
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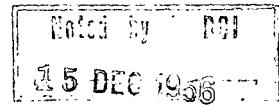
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December 12, 1956



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Mr. Allen W. Dulles, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E. Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

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Your Capitol Hill observers have certainly reported that Senator Mansfield intends to press home his proposed investigation of the Agency. The proposal envisages a joint Senate-House Committee, three members of each Appropriations and Foreign Relations Committees. Obviously, the Democratic Congress will continue the present trend toward the re-assumption of power by the Legislative over the Executive Branch. The political facts of life are such that, with present Democratic control almost guaranteed until 1960 and with a President whose term, by law is limited to that date, everything possible will be done to embarrass the Republican Executive and scramble for the presidency in 1960. In short, twenty-four Republican Senators will be up for re-election in 1958 and only eleven Democrats, ten of which are almost certain shoo-ins. Of the twenty-four Republicans, at least four of the seats are highly in doubt. Further, the 1960 Presidential Campaign begins when Congress reconvenes in January.

I propose that consideration be given to the following:

Certain responsible Republican Senators, including Senator Knowland, Senator Wiley and others should immediately confer with the President together with yourself on the advisability of instituting such an official inquiry as may be deemed advisable into the Agency. This would have the effect of nullifying political advantages which would accrue to an out and out Democratic controlled investigation of your important Agency and secondly, would keep such proceedings out of the press. It seems to me that no more harm could be done to the Nation and our international position than that which would inevitably result from an open Congressional investigation at the Agency. I respectfully urge that you give all possible consideration to this latter proposal in the hope that out of such an Executive-inspired inquiry would come a stronger

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and not weakened Intelligence service.

I have only one further thought; that such an inquiry should be headed by someone most carefully selected and that he should be assisted by people who understand the problem, have an appreciation of the international aspects of such an inquiry and themselves have an intelligence training and background of high level quality. You will understand how damaging to the Agency, the Nation and our security position such a bungled inquiry might be.

With very best personal regards.

Sincerely,

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